



# Canada's Fisheries Fast Facts 2009



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# National Overview

## Principal Statistics 2008

### Gross Value of Outputs (\$'000)

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Commercial sea and freshwater fisheries landings              | 1,901,940 |
| Aquaculture production  | 799,257   |
| Seafood product preparation & packaging revenues <sup>1</sup> | 4,197,076 |

### Employment (number of persons)

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Commercial fish harvesters and crew     | 52,812 |
| Aquaculture operations <sup>1</sup>     | 3,970  |
| Seafood product preparation & packaging | 27,647 |

### Commercial Seafisheries

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Total volume of landings (metric tonnes) | 918,125   |
| Total value of landings (\$'000)         | 1,842,661 |

### Commercial Freshwater Fisheries

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Total volume of landings (metric tonnes) | 31,063 |
| Total value of landings (\$'000)         | 59,279 |

### International Trade Statistics (\$'000)

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Total value of fish and seafood exports | 3,884,166 |
| Total value of fish and seafood imports | 2,234,194 |
| Trade balance                           | 1,649,972 |

<sup>1</sup> Based on 2006 data (2008 data not yet available).

# Regional Overview<sup>1</sup>

## Landings and Production Statistics, 2008

| Commercial Sea and Freshwater Fisheries                       | Pacific | Inland | Atlantic  | Canada    |
|---|---------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Number of registered fishing vessels</b>                   | 3,236   | n/a    | 18,561    | 21,797    |
| <b>Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)</b>               | 148,799 | 31,063 | 769,326   | 949,188   |
| <b>Total value of landings (\$'000)</b>                       | 236,013 | 59,279 | 1,606,648 | 1,901,940 |
| <b>Aquaculture</b>  |         |        |           |           |
| <b>Number of aquaculture establishments<sup>2</sup></b>       | n/a     | n/a    | n/a       | 642       |
| <b>Total volume of production (metric tonnes)<sup>3</sup></b> | 81,000  | 7,437  | 67,742    | 156,179   |
| <b>Total value of production (\$'000)<sup>3</sup></b>         | 385,300 | 74,948 | 339,009   | 799,257   |

## Recreational Fisheries Statistics, 2005

|  | Pacific | Inland    | Atlantic | Canada    |
|--|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Number of active adult anglers</b>    | 547,032 | 1,793,003 | 895,885  | 3,235,920 |
| <b>Fishing effort ('000 days fished)</b> | 6,201   | 23,735    | 13,012   | 42,948    |
| <b>Harvest ('000 fish kept)</b>          | 3,646   | 32,118    | 35,918   | 71,681    |
| <b>Direct expenditures (\$'000)</b>      | 569,622 | 1,416,978 | 479,566  | 2,466,167 |
| <b>Direct investments (\$'000)</b>       | 543,032 | 1,314,626 | 727,769  | 2,585,427 |

<sup>1</sup> Atlantic = Nfld. and Lab., P.E.I., N.S., N.B., Que. Inland = Ont., Man., Sask., Alta. and territories Pacific = B.C.

<sup>2</sup> 2007 information unavailable at this time.

<sup>3</sup> Due to missing data and suppressions, totals in the Statistics Canada table may not be comparable to those of DFO. Statistics Canada will revise its published number with its November 2010 release.

*Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.*

# Species Highlights

## Commercial Seafisheries Landings by Species Groups and Region, 2008

|   | Atlantic         | Pacific        | Canada           |
|---|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <b>Total Volume of Landings (metric tonnes)</b> | <b>772,574</b>   | <b>148,799</b> | <b>921,373</b>   |
| Groundfish                                      | 111,811          | 109,940        | 221,751          |
| Pelagics  | 213,219          | 25,457         | 238,676          |
| Shellfish                                       | 432,478          | 13,395         | 445,873          |
| Other   | 15,065           | 6              | 15,071           |
| <b>Total Value of Landings (\$'000)</b>         | <b>1,610,939</b> | <b>236,013</b> | <b>1,846,952</b> |
| Groundfish                                      | 150,950          | 102,162        | 253,112          |
| Pelagics  | 78,176           | 45,095         | 123,271          |
| Shellfish                                       | 1,366,086        | 88,753         | 1,454,839        |
| Other   | 15,728           | 4              | 15,732           |

## Aquaculture Production, Selected Species, 2008

|         | Volume (metric tonnes) | Value (\$'000) | Main Producing Province |
|---------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Salmon  | 104,070                | 621,515        | British Columbia        |
| Mussels | 20,006                 | 27,375         | Prince Edward Island    |
| Oysters | 8,635                  | 13,180         | British Columbia        |
| Trout   | 5,843                  | 27,750         | Ontario                 |

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# International Trade Statistics

## International Trade in Fish and Seafood Products, 2008 and 2009

### Top Product Exports, by Species

|                                   | Volume (metric tonnes) |                | Value (\$'000)   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                   | 2008                   | 2009           | 2008             | 2009             |
| Lobster                           | 44,159                 | 44,527         | 920,968          | 803,448          |
| Snow/Queen Crab                   | 55,319                 | 58,831         | 518,895          | 502,063          |
| Atlantic Salmon                   | 79,546                 | 72,586         | 504,848          | 500,760          |
| Shrimp                            | 81,188                 | 80,411         | 360,228          | 336,484          |
| Herring                           | 50,261                 | 40,936         | 149,841          | 158,651          |
| <b>Total Exports, All Species</b> | <b>631,637</b>         | <b>602,869</b> | <b>3,884,166</b> | <b>3,635,879</b> |

### Top Product Imports, by Species

|                                   | Volume (metric tonnes) |                | Value (\$'000)   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                   | 2008                   | 2009           | 2008             | 2009             |
| Shrimp                            | 51,807                 | 55,220         | 394,799          | 439,037          |
| Lobster                           | 14,826                 | 17,360         | 145,818          | 146,808          |
| Skipjack/Bonito Tuna              | 35,545                 | 34,815         | 145,854          | 142,620          |
| Sockeye Salmon                    | 15,566                 | 14,841         | 93,652           | 102,328          |
| Halibut                           | 6,094                  | 6,999          | 71,100           | 77,327           |
| <b>Total Imports, All Species</b> | <b>470,341</b>         | <b>487,639</b> | <b>2,234,194</b> | <b>2,358,524</b> |

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